

CITY COUNCIL SCHOOLS COMMITTEE SCORES OVER THE JAKE LOEB MAJORITY

Victory for the city council schools committee and defeat for the Jake Loeb majority of the school board is contained in a decision handed down by the Illinois supreme court yesterday.

The decision answers the question: "Shall city aldermen have the right to compel the school board to show its records, financial accounts and any documents asked for by aldermen?"

To this question the Illinois supreme court answers "Yes." The appellate court already has said "Yes." Judge Walker in circuit court is the only tribunal where the aldermen were denied their claims.

Chairman Lynch of the council schools committee said today a special meeting may be called this week to take advantage of the court's decision.

"That the records of Chicago's public school system should be kept secret and that school board members whose appointments are subject to confirmation by aldermen should have the power to deny aldermen access to information requested is one of the most illogical and absurd features of government in Chicago today," said Ald. John C. Kennedy. "We tried to find out how certain money of the city was spent. We couldn't get the information. The door was shut in our faces. We asked to look at certain real estate and insurance records. Again the door was shut in our faces. A year has passed in which the information we asked for has been kept secret."

"Matters of information that should be public knowledge have been a matter of private property, privately guarded for the private use of School Board President Loeb and his majority of eleven votes as opposed to the nine who stand for complete publicity for all business transactions of the public schools," said

Ald. Rob't M. Buck, one of the subcommittee whose members had the door slammed in the faces last year. "We shall press for action in a few days to make use of the court decision which favored us."

"Every book, voucher, stub and scrap of paper in the school board offices is opened to our inspection by this decision as I understand it. I shall call the schools subcommittee for a meeting this week. In the meantime, we have a competent expert getting ready for a preliminary audit of the school board books."

"Think of it! It has cost the city \$2,000 in litigation to get power for aldermen to inspect books that ought to be open free of access to every citizen in Chicago."

Donald Richberg is the attorney who won the action for the aldermen.

GOMPERS TO REPLY TO SHERMAN AT MASS MEETING SUNDAY

Sam Gompers, president American Federation of Labor, speaks Sunday at Powers theater in reply to attacks by Senator Sherman in U. S. senate, Aug. 14. Special notice of the mass meeting sent out by Sec'y Ed Nockels of Chl. Fed. of Labor says:

"Sen. Sherman has acted the part of a coward by refusing to come out in the open and accept our challenge that he meet Pres. Gompers in a public mass meeting in his own state at any time or place. Therefore this mass meeting next Sunday at 2 p. m. Admission is free."

THE NEWS FOR HUGHES

The Daily News came out against Wilson today. The thing that got Lawson's goat was the passage of the Adamson 8-hour-day law. At least that's what the News makes the most fuss about. It was generally expected the News would take the Hughes-Wall st. end of the fight.